

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-10 and 13-26 are currently pending, per below. Claim 11 has been canceled, without prejudice.

1. (Once Amended) An apparatus for use in a lifting and towing vehicle, comprising:

a transverse cross bar connected to the end of a boom located rearwardly of the lifting and towing vehicle, the cross bar being positionable below a towable vehicle, and the cross bar having two opposing end portions positionable adjacent to one of a pair of wheels on the towable vehicle;

two slidable receivers each removably connected to the opposing end portions of the cross bar, each receiver having an engagement mechanism facilitating rapid connection and decoupling of the receivers from the cross bar, the receivers also each carrying a wheel support member having an elongated arm and a wheel retainer, and the wheel support members being capable of being swung back and forth in a generally horizontal plane;

one or more powering mechanisms connected to the wheel support member for driving movement of the wheel support members in the generally horizontal plane;

whereby the receivers with the wheel support members together comprise a wheel lift apparatus ~~which may be rapidly~~ removably connected to the cross bar using the engaging mechanism, facilitating rapid connection or disassembly of the wheel lift apparatus from the